

**EXOTIC DISEASES IN PRACTICE.** By Brian Maegraith, M.B., D.Phil., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.Ed. (Pp. ix+361; figs. 31. 50s). London: William Heinemann Medical Books Ltd., 1965.

THIS is a textbook which should find a place in every doctor's library. The speed of modern travel and the greater mobility of individuals and groups of persons has and is bringing into the home countries diseases which were hitherto considered to be purely "tropical". Unless we are alive to the everyday possibility of meeting these the consequences could well be disastrous.

In this book the two aspects of this increasing risk are admirably laid out. Firstly, the geography of disease and secondly, the clinical aspects. The text is clear and concise, the illustrations excellent and the regional maps an innovation which adds greatly to the value of the whole book. The chapters on world distribution of disease and the protection on non-immunes are clearly laid out, readily accessible and contain a fund of easily obtainable and valuable information.

This is a book which should appeal to all classes of medical men and students and prove of invaluable help and interest in an aspect of medicine with which we should and must all become familiar.

W.D.

**CLAYTON'S ELECTROTHERAPY AND ACTINOTHERAPY.** By Pauline M. Scott, M.C.S.P., T.E.T., T.M.M.G. Fifth Edition. (Pp. 390; figs. 205. 35s). London: Baillière, Tindall & Cassell, 1965.

THIS book—laid out in excellent print—is divided into three main sections, covering Electrotherapy (Direct and Low Frequency Currents), High Frequency Currents, Actinotherapy and Other Radiations. Each section progresses naturally towards the next sequence, and the whole work is punctuated with simple line diagrams to illustrate even more clearly the points made.

The chapter on electrical stimulation of nerve and muscle, and on electrical reactions has been brought up to date, and makes a valuable addition to the work, as does the chapter on semi-conductors and transistors and their place in the newer forms of electro-medical apparatus.

The authoress is to be congratulated on producing this accurate, well-balanced and pleasantly written work, which is generally accepted by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, London, as a standard textbook for students of physiotherapy throughout their training.

G.G.

**THE SOCIAL EFFECTS OF CHRONIC BRONCHITIS: A Scottish Study.** By Mary C. Neilson and Eileen Crofton. (Pp. 72. 7s 6d). London: Chest and Heart Association, 1965.

THIS small book is a challenge to all who work in chest medicine. The authors report a survey of a sample of men and women suffering from chronic bronchitis in Scotland. It shows the high incidence of severe disability, poverty, misery and despair amongst these sufferers in the midst of an affluent society. It is a picture strangely familiar to those who worked with tuberculosis 25 years ago. After reading this short report of the situation in Scotland, the need for a similar survey in Northern Ireland becomes clear. Such surveys as this are valuable for they indicate the need for a special effort to deal with chronic bronchitis in our community. We must not expect these problems to be solved unless we face up to them and tackle them with determination.

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